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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON FOREIGN FIGHTERS TO IRAQ

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Classified By: DCM Christopher W. Murray. Reason: Sections 1.4 (b) and (d).

(S) On March 8, Polchief accompanied by visting NEA/ELA Desk Officer for Syria, delivered subject demarche to Ambassador Bassam Namani, former Lebanese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and current MFA Director of the Office for Arab Affairs. Namani listened attentively to the points outlined in reftel. He then asked if the USG had already posed these questions to Syrian officials. After a brief discussion of U.S.-Syrian relations, Namani agreed that cooperation on the foreign fighters issue was in the best interest of Lebanon. He deferred to the security services as the best interlocutor on this issue for the USG. Namani said that he would forward the points outlined in reftel to the appropriate security agencies, and asked us to follow up directly with those agencies.
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